


# SB 465 Protects CT Families from Impaired Drivers

Offer ignition interlock supervised drivers licenses to all DUI offenders

- ✓ **Background** - Ignition Interlock devices (IID) save lives by preventing drunk driving
  - ✓ The “most effective, cost effective method to stop drunk driving and its tragic consequences”  
US Centers for Disease Control (USCDC), National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB),  
Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, AAA, MADD and every other safety organization
  - ✓ MAP 21 (US Transportation Bill – July 2012) removes Federal funding obstacles to IID use
    - × Eliminates mandatory waiting periods before issuing IID supervised driving privileges
    - × Eliminates counterproductive driving restrictions that have no proven safety value
- ✓ Focus the discussion on protecting families from DUI offenders not on punishing offenders  
Critics will argue – “interlocks are (at the same time)

“Too harsh for 1<sup>st</sup> offenders, AND Too soft for serial (3, 4+) repeat offenders”

Bottom Line – An ignition interlock will  any drunk driver from endangering our families!

## What All-Offender Will Do

- ✓ Eliminates ‘hard’ (no driving privileges) suspension or revocation periods
  - ✓ Restore ignition interlock supervised driving privileges immediately on application
    - ✓ IID needed for public safety
    - ✓ No state-required period to learn to drive without a license
    - ✓ Public is protected sooner
    - ✓ No “Petition” required -
- ✓ Eliminates ‘Occupational’ Licenses and their counterproductive driving restrictions for DUI offenders
  - ✓ Eliminate driving restrictions (purpose, routes and times of day)
    - ✓ Huge enforcement cost \$avings for state, county and local police and jails
    - ✓ Lifts huge caseload burden from courts and prosecutors
    - ✓ Improve odds offenders will keep their jobs, support their families, and safely and successfully get on with their lives
  - ✓ DMV saves cost to establish, verify and maintain thousands of restriction records
  - ✓ No scientific evidence such restrictions enhance highway safety
- ✓ Credit IID use during suspension toward post-reinstatement IID requirement
  - ✓ Incentivize DUI offenders to get IID’s immediately to protect the public sooner
  - ✓ Permits offenders uninterrupted legal driving.
- ✓ Ignition Interlocks for ALL DUI offenders are recommended by every major safety organization
- ✓ Washington State (and other states) have used these policies successfully since 2009

## STOP Drunk Driving – Increase use of Ignition Interlock Devices

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